GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SUGARCANE CRUSHING
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where crushing of sugarcane started late during the current season;

(b) whether the sugar production is likely to decline due to delay in the start of the crushing season leading to the rise in retail prices of sugar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto indicating the likely decline in sugar production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The late crushing of sugarcane by sugar factories is reported to have taken place in the States of Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand during the current sugar season 2007-08.

(b)&(c): The sugar production in the country during the current sugar season may decline by about 15 lac tons over the last sugar season. One of the factors for decline in sugar production can be late starting of crushing operations by sugar factories. There has been no perceptible increase in retail prices of sugar all over the country. Sufficient stocks of sugar are available in the country to maintain sugar prices at reasonable level.